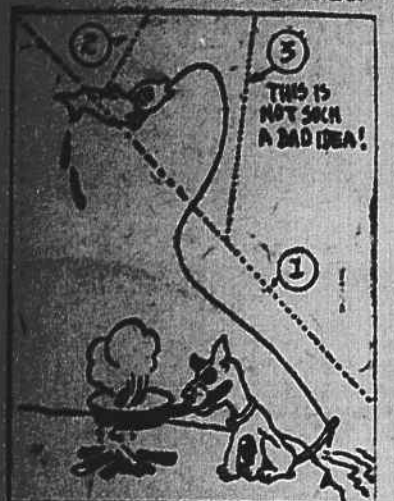


Town Talk

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THE WEATHER.

West Virginia—Cloudy tonight and Thursday; probably rain; little change in temperature.
Local Readings.
F. P. Hall, Ob.
Temperature at 8 a. m. today 37.
Weather yesterday clear; temperature, maximum 38, minimum 14; precipitation .02.
River 14.8 feet, falling; frozen.

EVENTS TONIGHT.

Moore Home—Loyal Order of Moose.
Odd Fellows' Hall—Palatine Lodge, I. O. O. F.
Shinner Building—Lady Links.
Wilford Hall—Woman's Benefit Association, Macabees.
W. of G. Hall—Dance under auspices of local council of Knights of Columbus.
At Father's Birthday—C. W. Evans was in Gratton Sunday where he attended a birthday celebration in honor of his father, Isaac Evans who attained the ripe old age of 88 on that date. A dinner was given by Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee Evans at which Mr. Evans was the honor guest. Covers were laid for ten including relatives and intimate friends of the honor guest.

Lincoln Day in Schools—The birthday of Abraham Lincoln was fittingly observed in the ward schools throughout the city today when special programs of an interesting nature were observed in practically all the grades. Programs of recitations and music were rendered by the pupils and were thoroughly enjoyed. A number of patrons of the school attended these exercises.

Flags Out Today—A number of flags were displayed from business houses and residences today honoring the birthday of Abraham Lincoln.

An Extension Entertainment—Under the direction of the Extension department of the Fairmont State Normal school several members of the faculty will go to Rowlesburg February 24 where they will give an entertainment for the benefit of the public schools there. Those who will give the entertainment are Misses Ines Johnson, Amy Rogers Rice and Miss Harriet Schroeder.

Deeds for Record—The following deeds have been filed for recording: Clarence Gether and wife to Austen P. Sees, real estate in Union district, \$3,000; J. J. Tetrick and wife to Clarence M. Tetrick and wife and others, land in Lincoln district, \$1,593.25; Samuel W. Rutherford and wife to C. W. Vincent, land in Grant district, \$25; O. C. Powell and wife to Edward B. Jenkins, land in Windfield district, \$5 and up; Smith Hood and wife, James A. Watson and wife, A. T. Watson and wife and A. Fletcher to George T. Watson, 1.5 interest in land in Fairmont, 21 up; Stephen Vangilder and wife to Anna B. Stealey, land in First ward, \$4,000.

Marriage License—A marriage license has been issued to Cecil Hawkins, 21, and Rose Ellen Parsons, 22, both of Fairmont.

Warm Day—With a temperature of 37 this morning, most of the snow remaining has vanished into slush and wetness. The ice on the river is melting rapidly. So quiet is the river at present that last night, after a fall of fine snow for about an hour, the white which covered the river remained unaffected, clinging lightly to partly frozen particles of ice.

Have the Flu—Mrs. Harry B. Scott and her son, Howard, are very ill at their home on Oliver avenue with the influenza. Mrs. Scott's mother, Mrs. Parker of Moundsville, is here to take care of the patients.

LATE WANT ADS

FOR SALE—One white bedstead and bed complete. 553 Pierpont Ave. 2-12-15180

GINIA FARM of 165 acres and modern country home in first class location. Must be sacrificed. Located on turnpike between Lynchburg and Roanoke in famous Piedmont section, near "New London Academy" Agricultural College and Belford Alum Springs. Appraised value \$20,000. Price cut to \$10,000 to insure quick sale. Capt. G. F. Laughlin, owner. Forest Depot, Va. 2-12-34-5159

MONEY TO LOAN—The Buckeye Savings and Loan Co. has money to loan. See Paul G. Armstrong, attorney, 504-506 Jacobs Building, Fairmont, W. Va. 2-12-426157.

STEPTOE BILL

(Continued from page one.)

"My colleague says that this bill invades the rights of the gas companies," declared Senator Harmer, "and I say that to defeat it would be an invasion of the rights of the common people of this state. Tens of thousands of homes are fitted up to use this fuel which God Almighty gave to West Virginia. They say this bill is unconstitutional, and I refer to the fact that it was given careful consideration by the House judiciary committee, composed of fifteen lawyers and by the Senate judiciary committee, composed of eleven lawyers; and the House judiciary committee recommended by unanimous vote and there were only two dissenting votes in the Senate committee. In 1903 I stood in this Senate and advocated passage of the tax commission law, and at my side there stood a senator who argued against the gas bill the other night, and he said the tax law was unconstitutional. Soon after that the Republican convention at Wheeling adopted the tax law as part of its platform, and within sixteen days Senator Robinson and I were back down here at an extraordinary session and Senator Robinson led the fight for adoption of the law."

H. E. FIELD WILL

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burg on Saturday. A number of claims were filed. The creditors adjourned to meet on Saturday, February 22.

United Mine Workers. John Custalao, district organizer, is at Kingwood today. Nick Alesi, district board member, is in the Junior field, near Elkins, today.

C. F. Keeney, president of District 17, United Mine Workers, and H. E. Peters, secretary of the Fairmont office of the United Mine Workers, left Monday night for Charleston.

Nick Alesi, district board member, was at Century yesterday. Joe Angelo, international organizer, was at Meridan yesterday. Sam Ballantyne, international board member, is in charge of the Fairmont office of the United Mine Workers during the absence of Mr. Peters.

LABOR LEADERS HARD AT WORK

British and American Representatives Making Headway.

(By Associated Press.)

PARIS, Feb. 12.—While President Wilson and the Allied premiers and generals are deeply engrossed in perfecting the plan for the creation of a Society of Nations and arranging the new terms to be imposed on Germany, for a renewal of the armistice expiring next Monday, other subjects of the greatest importance are being prepared for the consideration of the peace conference.

It is expected that the conference will spend little time discussing them, however, and will pass most of them into the Society of Nations when the latter has been created and ready to function.

Foremost on the secondary program are the recommendations of the commission on international labor legislation. The commission is one of the few having an American at its head and Samuel Gompers, the chairman, has been pushing along at a great rate. There have been difficulties in reconciling the diverse views of British and American interests as each is radical in some respects and conservative in others in the opinion of some labor leaders. The British are radical where Americans are cautious while the Americans throw conservatism to the wind when considering matters on which the British are careful.

Meetings are going on today as they have been almost continuously during the last few days between men who have come to Paris at the call of President Wilson and the premiers to deal with great financial problems arising out of the war. Every delegation admits the gravity of the problems presented and the absolute necessity for their settlement if the world is to be saved from universal bankruptcy.

Railroads Will Try to Dodge State Tax

(By Associated Press.)

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 12.—Claims of exemption from taxation on all materials and supplies used in the operation of the railroads are to be made, according to information reaching the Indiana state board of tax commissioners made public today.

The action may result in the loss to the state of several hundred of thousands of dollars in the consideration of

Special Commission on Belgian Claims

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Feb. 12.—While the press generally approves of Premier Lloyd George's labor program it fails to satisfy the parliamentary labor party which has prepared an amendment to the reply to the speech from the throne, regretting the absence of definite proposals dealing with "the present cases of industrial unrest and for securing as regards wages and working hours conditions of labor which will establish a higher standard of life and social wellbeing for the people."

Bible Class for Railroad Men

Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock the railroad men of both the Baltimore and Ohio and Monongahela roads will meet at the Baltimore and Ohio Y. M. C. A. for the purpose of forming a Bible class. It is believed that this class will start off with a membership of 100.

For the purpose of helping the railroad men to get a start the members of the Men's Progressive Bible class of the First M. E. church, of which Senator Scott Meredith is leader, will attend the meeting in a body.

Urge Berkeley Springs As Site for Hospital

(Special Dispatch to West Virginian) CHARLESTON, W. Va., Feb. 12.—The House this morning adopted the Senate joint resolution providing for the appointment of a committee to wait upon the secretary of war and urge him to select Berkeley Springs, W. Va., as a site for a government hospital for the treatment of soldiers suffering from diabetes, rheumatism and kidney diseases. Delegate Hamilton, of Mannington, is the author of the resolution. The committee will consist of two senators and three delegates.

Russian Factions Willing to Confer

PARIS, Feb. 12.—(By Associated Press.)—Prospects are brightening for the assembling of at least four of the Russian factions at the conference to be held on the Princes' Island. Word has come from the Ukraine that the government of that former part of Russia will participate in the conference, and it is reported that the indecision of the government of General Denikine has given way to a desire to join the conference. The government of the Crimea already has accepted the invitation as has the Russian Bolshevik government. It is being to appear that a sufficient number of other factions will be in evidence to meet the Bolsheviks and the Entente and American representatives to assure the success of the conference plan.

The success of the conference, however, is believed to depend upon the willingness of the Moscow soviet to give certain guarantees, such as the cessation of hostilities and the withdrawal of the Bolshevik forces from the provinces which they have invaded.

It is by no means certain that the soviet government will agree to any such guarantee.

French Call for Army for League of Nations

(By Associated Press) PARIS, Feb. 12.—The French government formally presented to the league of nations committee last night an article creating an international military force. The introduction of this article for inclusion in the Society of Nations plan closely follows the disclosure by Premier Clemenceau in his recent interview with the Associated Press of his conviction that the League of Nations must be supported "by the determination of each nation entering into the agreement to be willing to renounce its traditional aloofness from other peoples and willing to employ the national strength outside its own country both in time of peace as well as under the pressure of war."

America and Japan Agree About Siberia

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Acting Secretary of State Polk announced at the State department today that the United States now had accepted formally the proposal of the Japanese government in regard to plans for the restoration of railroad traffic in Siberia.

"The purpose of the agreement," Mr. Polk's statement said, "is to assist the Russians in Siberia in regaining their normal condition of life and has been reached upon a definite understanding that the railroads are to be operated for the interests of the people of Siberia. The United States and Japan have expressly voiced their disinterested purpose not to infringe on any existing rights either of Russia or, where the Chinese eastern question is concerned, of China."

Hotel Company Had Prosperous Year

Stockholders of the Fairmont Hotel company met yesterday afternoon in annual session and elected the following directors for the ensuing term: G. M. Alexander, R. T. Cunningham, J. E. Watson, Jr., C. D. Robinson, Brooks Fleming, Jr., Smith Hood, J. M. Hartley, M. L. Hutchinson, C. W. Watson, C. S. Riggs, E. B. Moore, Walton Miller, C. W. Evans, G. T. Watson, T. I. Brett.

The following executive committee was chosen: Brooks Fleming, Jr., C. S. Riggs, J. E. Watson, Jr., E. B. Moore, M. L. Hutchinson, C. D. Robinson.

The hotel has been doing a splendid business and most of the time it is obliged to turn people away because of crowded conditions. In the minds of some of the directors the proposition of putting an additional story on the hotel is advisable. The affairs of the hotel are such that a small dividend could have been paid, but it was thought advisable to lessen some of the indebtedness.

SPECIAL NOTICES

In the matter of the adoption of Clyde Anderson by R. P. Harr and Annie B. Harr, his wife. In the Circuit Court of Marion county, West Virginia. Notice is hereby given that a petition has been filed herein by the aforesaid R. P. Harr and Annie B. Harr, his wife, for the adoption of Clyde Anderson, an infant, and that the 14th day of March, 1919, at ten o'clock a. m. or as soon thereafter as the same may be heard by the Court at the court house in Fairmont, Marion county, West Virginia, has been appointed by the Court as the time and place for the appointment of a next friend for said infant. Feb. 12, 19, 26 Mar. 5.

British Miners Want a Six Hour Day

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, Feb. 12.—The conference of the Miners' Federation of Great Britain at a meeting at Southport today decided against acceptance of the terms offered by the government for a settlement of the demands made by the federation. The Miners' Federation, which has 8,000 members wants a six hour day and a 30 per cent increase in wages.

Virginia Debt Comes Up in House Thursday

(By Associated Press.)

CHARLESTON, Feb. 12.—A motion to table the McClintic concurrent resolution proposing that the legislature of West Virginia accept the terms of settlement of the Virginia debt as presented in the last report of the Virginia debt commission was defeated this morning in the House of Delegates by a vote of 42 to 21. Ten members being absent and not voting. The resolution then on motion of Mr. McClintic was made a special order of business for Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Belgium Wants Land Held By Germany

(By Associated Press)

PARIS, Feb. 12.—The Belgian claim as placed before the Supreme Council yesterday included a demand for the return to Belgium of some territory held by Germany in addition to requests for free navigation of the Scheldt and the restitution of certain territories held by the Dutch. The German districts demanded are Mont Jole and Mainedy, just east of the present Belgian-German border. The population of these districts is mainly Walloon, and their possession by Belgium, it was pointed out, would be to deprive Germany of an outlet for a new invasion of Belgium.

East Park Store Was Robbed Last Night

After midnight last night the store of Loren Keener was robbed in East Park and about \$100 worth of goods were taken, including shoes, socks, shirts and about \$150 worth of pennies. The bloodhounds were sent for and they followed a trail which led to a small cottage out by the round house near the Monongahela railroad. Here they stopped and though they went all around the house, they would go no further. It is thought that the parties implicated in the robbery got away from here. The house is occupied by Bud Lewis.

U. S. CASUALTIES IN SIBERIA.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—A cablegram today from the headquarters of the American expeditionary forces in France gives total casualties in American forces in Siberia up to February 9, as 10 officers and 314 men killed, died of wounds and disease, wounded and missing in action.

British Labor Hostile to Lloyd George Plans

(By Associated Press) PARIS, Feb. 12.—It is believed that a special commission would be appointed to study Belgian claims as to the territorial problems, says a Havas report. In addition to Marshal Foch, Marshal Petain and Field Marshal Haig, General Pershing and General Diaz will be present at today's session of the Supreme War Council to deal with the terms for the renewal of the armistice.

125 Members Attend Local Elks' Meeting

One hundred and twenty-five members attend last night's meeting of Fairmont Lodge, 294, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, when nine candidates were initiated. Addresses were made by W. H. Snider of Cumberland, Md., and M. A. Barry, who recently returned from France. A luncheon was served after the meeting.

AUTO RECORDS BROKEN.

DAYTONA, Fla., Feb. 12.—Ralph DePalma broke the world's auto record for both a mile and a kilometer in straightaway dashes today on Daytona beach. The time for the mile as announced by officials of the automobile association of America was 24.2 seconds against Bob Burman's record of 25.4 seconds, made in 1911. DePalma's kilometer time was 15.55 seconds and 2 seconds below the record.

HONORS FOR AVIATORS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—As a reward for distinguished service in action overseas the War department announced today that advanced flying ratings had been recommended for 20 American army aviators, six of whom are dead. Heading the list are the aces Lieut. Col. Wm. Thaw, Pittsburgh, and Capt. Edward V. Rickenbacher, Columbus, Ohio.

USED MAILS TO DEFRAUD.

CINCINNATI, O., Feb. 12.—Roy Van Tress, president of the McAlester Oklahoma Real Estate exchange, and 15 associates, charged with conspiracy to defraud by the use of the mails in the sale of Indian lands, were found guilty by a jury in U. S. court here today. The jury deliberated seven hours.

MORE TROOPS COMING.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The cruisers Pueblo and Montana and the transport La Touraine have sailed from France with about 5,000 troops and all are due to reach New York February 21. The Pueblo is bringing casual companies or Pennsylvania.

TO SETTLE WITH BRITAIN.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Appointment of the United States liquidation commission to liquidate the business and financial affairs of the American army in England and France was announced today by Secretary Baker. Edwin B. Parker, of Texas, is chairman.

PROTECTING HOME INDUSTRY.

You boys have been using that same deck of cards for months. Yes, replied Three Finger Sam. It's for the perfection of home industry. We know all the best corners an' finger-marks by heart and any extra ace that a tenderfoot tries to ring in is detected immediately. — Washington Star.

The lightest wood is the wood of ambach, a leguminous plant that grows near Lake Chad and on the tributaries of the upper Nile. The tree, which is sometimes called the pith tree, often attains a diameter of six inches in the two or three years of its life. At that age it dies and another shoot starts from its roots. When cut the wood is almost white and is soft and brittle, like the pith of elder. Every hearth or fireplace in England was taxed in the reign of Charles II.

A FAMILIAR RING.

"Murder heard the girls wouldn't notice her engagement ring." "Did they?" "Four of them recognized it at once." — Judge.

The "Shriners' Red Cross sack of flour," sold at auction and started on its travels in Islam Temple, San Francisco, in May, 1917, has since visited 25 temples in the United States, including Honolulu, and has been sold for sums amounting now to \$184,187.88, all turned over to the local chapters of the American Red Cross in the cities where the sack was sold.

Coyote hunts are popular in the vicinity of Edmonton, Alberta, the last hunt attracting many automobiles as well as horsemen. Ranchers are planning to continue the campaign of extermination. Twenty-five wolf hounds have been obtained for these drives. The plan is to form a half circle and close in on the coyotes at a river bank.

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